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Infection**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following:

17. (Added) A method of selling Ribavirin to a physician for administering to a patient in a dosage range in order to induce an increase in Th1 activity in the patient thereby effecting a favorable immunological response.
18. (Added) The method of claim 17 further comprising provision of an interferon to be administered in combination with the Ribavirin.

REMARKS

The claim format of the above-added claims is supported by the specification (see e.g., *In Re Krodel et al.* 42 C.C.P.A. 993; 223 F.2d 285).

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-02A (ADDED CLAIMS) DOC